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# President Ruto In Maasai Mara For The Great Wildbeest Migration

By: MKT Reporter  
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## Some Of The Moments As Captured In Pictures

President William Ruto yesterday launched the Wildebeest migration live coverage yesterday. The President noted that the country is expanding its tourism products beyond wildlife, national parks and beaches to include a wide array. "Digital innovation, sports and conference tourism, and culture are the new areas on offer," he said, adding, "Our goal is to attract up to five million visitors in the medium term and ensure that every user of our tourism product leaves with a reason to return home to Kenya, the origin of humankind." This global showcase is a testament to Kenya's commitment to sustainable tourism, conservation, and storytelling that connects people to the beauty of the country.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Mutahi Kagwe yesterday convened an opening ceremony with the vetting team from the Public Service Performance Management Unit (PSPMU). This meeting is focused on vetting the Ministry's Performance Contract (PC) targets for the 2025/2026 financial year, a precursor to the official signing ceremony President Ruto. Both PSs Paul Ronoh Paul and Jonathan Mueke assured the vetting team that the Ministry would establish goal-oriented Performance Contract targets for the upcoming performance evaluation and appraisal period. The CS also emphasized the importance of a pragmatic approach, stating, "Carry out an exercise that is realistic within the ecosystem."



Kenya is hosting some of the most widely supported national football teams during the African Nations Championship (CHAN) in Nairobi, and the safety of players, officials, and fans is a priority. This marks the first time since the 1987 All Africa Games that we are having such a major continental and international football tournament like CHAN but unlike then, today's population and technology present new security issues. Dr. Raymond Omollo, Principal Secretary for Internal Security (in Green jersey), conducted a review of the modern physical security infrastructure at Nyayo Stadium which is one of the key venues for CHAN. The stadium is set to hold matches featuring Morocco, Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Zambia.

The High Court has ordered police to expedite investigations into the disappearance of Hussein Mohammed, the Garissa Huduma Centre Manager, who has been missing since July 8. Justice Chacha Mwita directed the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to "move with speed" to trace Mohammed and produce him in court, dead or alive. The directive followed an application by Mohammed's family, represented by lawyers Danstan Omari and Shadrack Wambui, who accused the state of reluctance in investigating the disappearance of the senior government officer. According to court filings, Mohammed reportedly went missing during a public event in Garissa County presided over by Public Service Cabinet Secretary Geoffrey Ruku, where he was seated at the high table alongside other dignitaries. "This is a public figure—a Huduma Centre Manager and an Assistant Director. His disappearance raises serious concerns," Omari told journalists outside Milimani Law Courts after filing the application. The family alleges that Mohammed was whisked away during the event and has not been seen or heard from since. Justice Mwita noted that the matter raises issues of public interest and promised a determination on September 16.



Principal Secretary for Medical Services, Dr. Ouma Oluga, yesterday held a meeting with representatives from the Chinese Embassy ahead of the feasibility study for the proposed upgrade of Baringo County Referral Hospital and Londiani Sub-county Referral Hospital. The initiative follows the bilateral agreement made during the State Visit of President William Ruto to China in April, where both governments committed to strengthening healthcare infrastructure through targeted development support. A Chinese delegation comprising technical experts is expected to arrive in Kenya to conduct site assessments at the two facilities. The Embassy was represented by Mr. Zhou Zhencheng, Minister Counselor for Economic and Commercial Affairs and Ms. Annie He Lihua, Senior Representative, Economic and Commercial Section, responsible for bilateral and multilateral aid cooperation. The meeting discussed the roadmap for initiating the feasibility study, aligning technical requirements, and ensuring timely coordination between both governments for successful project delivery.



The Principal Secretary for Water and Sanitation, Julius Korir convened a sensitization session led by the Procurement Department with all Heads of Departments and technical officers to discuss the Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) platform. The meeting focused on preparing the State Department for the mandatory rollout of the e-GP system, beginning with the development of the Annual Procurement Plan (APP) for the Financial Year 2025/2026. The PS underscored the critical importance of aligning procurement planning with sector priorities and ensuring timely entry of procurement data into the digital platform.



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# DPP Renson Ingonga Urges Prosecutors To Uphold Integrity During Training On Decision To Charge Guidelines



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## Worth Noting:

Addressing prosecution counsel from the Nairobi Region on the opening day of the training, Mr. Ingonga emphasized the constitutional responsibility of prosecutors and the critical role they play in upholding public confidence in Kenya's criminal justice system.

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Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Mr. Renson M. Ingonga has reaffirmed the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions' (ODPP) commitment to justice, fairness, and institutional integrity during a two-day training on the "Decision to Charge Guidelines" held at the Novotel Hotel, Westlands.

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He lauded the partnership between the ODPP and the International Justice Mission (IJM), particularly acknowledging IJM Kenya Country Director, Mr. Vincent Chahale, for his consistent support in strengthening prosecutorial capacity across the country.

"This training would not have been possible without the immense partnership offered to us by the ever-supportive IJM. Thank you, Bwana Vincent, for the continued collaboration," Mr. Ingonga said.

The Decision to Charge Guidelines, first adopted in 2019, serve as a vital operational and ethical framework for prosecutors. Ingonga noted that the guidelines are not just technical documents but a compass that ensures justice is dispensed impartially, transparently, and with due care.

"These guidelines emphasize an evidence-based, victim-sensitive, and



Director of Public Prosecutions Renson Ingonga delivered remarks during the opening session of a prosecutor training workshop on the Decision to Charge Guidelines, held at a Nairobi hotel. The training is supported by the International Justice Mission (IJM).

rights-oriented approach anchored on the Two-Stage Test: the evidential test and the public interest test," he explained, underscoring the importance of making prosecutorial decisions that are both fair and legally sound.

The DPP also aligned the importance of the training with the ODPP's 2023–2027 Strategic Plan, which focuses on creating a modern prosecution service through continuous professional development, adoption of digital tools, and incorporation of alternatives to prosecution such as Plea Bargaining

and Diversion.

"As prosecutors, we are not just technicians of the law, we are guardians of public confidence. We must resist pressure, fear or favour and always act in the broader interests of justice," he emphasized, quoting former U.S. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist: "In the long run, there is no substitute for a justice system that both is and appears to be fair."

Mr. Ingonga concluded by encouraging the participants to engage actively with the content of the training and

recommit themselves to upholding the rule of law. He stressed that the effective application of the guidelines would significantly enhance public trust in the ODPP and Kenya's wider justice system.

The training is expected to equip prosecutors with sharper tools for effective, independent, and fair decision-making in line with the ODPP's core values: independence, professionalism, integrity, fairness, accountability, and responsiveness.

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# Othaya; A Rising Model Of Development Constituency In The Mountain Region

*As Of Today, The Constituency, Represented In Parliament By Businessman Wambugu Wainaina Has Ongoing Projects in Various Sectors Worth More Than KSh700 Million, And More Is On The Way*

By: **Rose Angeline Ngunjiri and William Muchiri**

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Othaya constituency is fast emerging as a benchmark for development, not only in Nyeri County but the entire Mt Kenya region, thanks to a wave of infrastructure and service delivery projects.

From roads and markets to housing to electrification and water for consumption as well as irrigation, the transformation underway is both visible and impactful.

Championed by current area Member of Parliament, Wambugu Wainaina who the residents fondly refers to as Kirima, literally every village has something going on, courtesy of the National government, the local National Government- Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) or a charity organisation, Wambugu Wainaina Foundation sponsored by the MP.

These projects are taking in hundreds of millions of shillings and are a real game changer in the constituency that was for nearly four decades represented in Parliament by former President Mwai Kibaki.

At the center of this growth is the construction of a modern community sports ground set to be named after the late Kibaki. The facility, financed by national government to a tune of KSh55 million aims to boost youth engagement and nurture local sporting talent.

The stadium will have sections that will be hosting games such as; football, handball, volleyball, basketball

as well as athletics track. It will also have areas for indoor games, theatre, fine-arts among others.

Critical road projects across the constituency have also taken off. The long-overdue Kagicha - Chinga Dam - Muirungi road in Chinga Ward, once dismissed as a campaign promise, is now under active construction. Similarly, the Gachami to Kagongo road, previously a source of frustration for residents, is finally being rehabilitated.

The MP says the Waihara - Ihuririo - Kabebero road is set to commence by late this year or early next year.

To support agricultural activities, particularly tea and coffee farming, the MP has successfully lobbied for the upgrading of 45 feeder roads across the constituency. Improved access to coffee factories and tea collection centres is expected to significantly ease transport burdens on farmers.

At least three modern markets are set to be put up in the area.

The Othaya Modern Market is taking shape rapidly, with nearly 50 local workers employed at the site. Once complete, the KSh324 million three-storey market, which is adjacent to Othaya Level VI hospital and a stone throwaway distance from Mwai Kibaki Level VI hospital will provide structured trading spaces and stimulate local business activities.

A market in the heart of Othaya town, known as Mudavadi market is also set for a face-lift that will see it modernised with. Two other markets; in Ndunyu and Kagicha are set for rehabilitation at a total cost of over KSh140 million.

Other notable developments include

the construction of decent housing for police officers and new dormitories and classrooms for KMTC students, which will improve both security and education standards in the area.

Efforts to improve water access for agricultural use have also gained momentum. Irrigation projects have commenced in Karima and Iria-ini wards, with surveying already completed and pipe routes identified. In Chinga Ward, the ChangaChicha irrigation project is currently serving residents from the upper areas down to Kiamuya, offering reliable water for farming and boosting food security.

Under the Last Mile Connectivity Programme by the Ministry of Energy, more than 500 households in the constituency are scheduled to be connected to electricity by the end of the year. Many homes under the first registration phase have already been powered.

This accelerated growth gained further momentum after a visit by President William Ruto in April during which several projects received presidential backing and funding pledges, following the lobbying by the area MP.

Hundreds of students in secondary schools, colleges and universities have been benefiting from NG-CDF programmes which also takes care of security and national government administration officers infrastructure.

Apart from the projects funded by the government, the MP through his foundation has been in the forefront of building decent houses to the less privileged where more than 300 households have benefited as well as



Othaya MP inspecting a road under construction.



Work going on at the new market site.

using his personal and friends funds to settle fees and hospital bills.

For Wainaina, infrastructure development is not just about modernizing the constituency. It is about creating jobs, improving quality of life, and positioning Othaya as a center for industrial growth in Nyeri County

in particular and the entire region in general.

Yesterday, the MP told his constituents to wait for more development initiatives saying he was out to make sure he improved their economic and social standards of their living.



Othaya MP during the inspecting the electrification initiatives last week. Photos/ Courtesy.



Progress at Othaya Stadium.

# Mbadi: Gov't Has No Funds For Free Education

*The Parliamentary Committee Questioned National Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi Over Delayed Capitation Disbursement And Underfunding On Education Sector*

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During the session, lawmakers interrogated the Treasury’s response to key funding concerns, especially the mismatch between budgeted and disbursed funds, as well as the challenges facing learners in both public and private institutions.

“The problem we’re facing is the growing gap between what schools expect to receive and what they actually get,” said Omboko Milemba.

“We are promised KSh22,000 per learner, but the reality is far less. This is creating financial confusion in schools. You are creating a crisis in schools. Let’s be honest with headteachers on what to expect.”

The Committee questioned the continued allocation of funds to “ghost schools” while deserving schools struggled with poor infrastructure and inadequate learning materials.

Dick Maungu raised the alarm, noting that infrastructure funds meant for real institutions were being diverted. “Money is being channelled to non-existent schools. I will table a list. Meanwhile, children are sitting on stones and logs,” said Maungu.

“We cannot continue to look the other way. The Ministry must come clean.”

Supporting the concern, Peter Orero noted that schools had been advised to budget for KSh22,000 per learner, yet they are receiving far less, further complicating financial planning at school level.

“If you can’t provide the full KSh22,000, tell schools to budget with what is actually available. Right now, there’s confusion and, worse, corruption,” said Orero.

“This is also creating space for non-existent schools to benefit from public funds.”

The CS clarified that while education remains a top priority, current budget limitations due to debt servicing obligations have made it difficult to meet the full funding targets.

“We are under-providing per child because of fiscal constraints. The



Some of the committee members during yesterday’s session.

current policy is KSh1,420 for primary, KSh15,042 for junior school and KSh22,244. Treasury has never failed to release what was approved, but what was approved is simply not enough,” he said.

“But our current budget doesn’t support it,” he added.

He acknowledged that Kenya’s economic challenges, including growing debt repayment obligations, had placed additional pressure on Treasury allocations.

Mbadi added that President Kibaki’s free primary education and President Uhuru’s free secondary education were landmark policies but sustaining them in full today is increasingly difficult.

“We are doing our best. Capitation for Junior Secondary, Free Primary, and Day Secondary schools was released in January and May 2025,” Mbadi explained.

“We continue to explore sustainable options, including securitization and PPPs to support higher education financing.”

Members, however, insisted that the National Assembly must be furnished with honest and timely data.

“CS Mbadi, you should have told us the truth. If it’s not possible to meet the KSh22,000 standard, say so. This is Parliament—we need honest figures for accurate planning for schools,” said Eve Obara.

Julius Taitumu added, “We approved a certain amount in the Budget in this House. But now, per child, it’s clear that less was released. Kenyans deserve the truth.”

Speaking on special needs schools,

Dr. Christine Ombaka demanded clarity on the stagnated capitation for special needs institutions.

“These schools support learners who require more resources than regular schools. Why has their capitation remained unchanged?” she asked.

In response, Mbadi highlighted that top-up capitation of KSh2,300 and KSh35,730 per learner had been allocated for primary and secondary institutions, respectively, and infrastructure improvements were ongoing.

On equitable distribution, Mary Emaase urged the Ministry and Treasury to ensure infrastructure funds are allocated fairly across regions.

“We must ensure schools in rural, arid, and underserved areas are not left behind,” she said. “Let every child benefit regardless of their location.”

Joshua Makilap added, “Can you confirm whether infrastructure funds have been disbursed? If yes, then where are they? We want to see a detailed breakdown per school.”

The Committee directed the CS and officials from the Ministry of Education to reappear before the Committee within two weeks, with a full list of schools that have received infrastructure funding, including the corresponding budget amounts.

In the meeting, legislators also raised concerns about students in private universities being forced to drop out due to unpaid government capitation. “You have acknowledged debts owed to private universities. But are you aware that students placed there are suffering?” asked Phyllis Bartoo.

“We need the list of students receiving government capitation in private universities.”

Orero weighed in on university financing demanding a long-term plan to address financial distress in public universities and rising HELB loan demand.

“Our public universities are on the brink. They’re choked by debt and ballooning wage bills and the formula for the University Funding Model is ineffective, the parameters and variables you are using leaving out many students who need funding.”

Mbadi cited ongoing reforms informed by the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms and reaffirmed Treasury’s continued allocation under the Differentiated Unit Cost (DUC) model.

“We are committed to financial sustainability in universities. But universities must also restructure, cut administrative fat and rethink their business models,” he said.

Education Cabinet Secretary, Julius Ogambo, PS State Department on TVET, PS Ms. Esther Mouria and PS State Department on Higher Learning, Dr. Beatrice Inyangala were also present during the meeting.

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# Health Sector Urged To Expand Workforce To Meet Demand

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The World Health Expo (WHX) Labs, formerly known as Medlab East Africa and a platform for laboratory professionals, will hold a three-day forum in October to showcase healthcare innovations.

Now rebranded into WHX Nairobi and WHX Labs Nairobi and in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the forum that will take place from 6th to 8th October will feature conferences on policy, digital health, primary care, and leadership.

WHX Labs Nairobi will focus on laboratory diagnostics, automation, and precision medicine, addressing workforce gaps with training in areas like molecular diagnostics, microbiology, and lab management.

The meeting is geared towards fostering collaboration between businesses, governments, and innovators; break-

ing geographical barriers for seamless healthcare solutions; and positioning Kenya as a regional medical hub.

Notably, this year will be the first-ever Healthcare Leaders Ministerial Roundtable, backed by President William Ruto and the Ministry of Health, that will bring in global leaders and policymakers to explore sustainable solutions to the healthcare workforce crisis.

Desta Lakew, Group Director of Partnerships & External Affairs, AMREF Health Africa, said that Kenya's journey toward Universal Health Coverage is grounded in the principle of Primary Health Care and that the WHX Nairobi roundtable catalyses greater political goodwill and innovation toward scalable, people-first solutions that can be replicated across Africa.

Kenya currently faces a severe shortage of healthcare workers; thus, there is a need for urgent measures to expand training programmes and recruitment.

According to a World Health Organi-

sation (WHO) report, Kenya's rapidly growing population, projected to exceed 63 million by 2030, is fuelling rising demand for healthcare services.

While the health workforce is increasing at 3.4 per cent annually, WHO said the demand for services was growing faster at 4.7 per cent. "Without sufficient doctors, the health system cannot scale up to meet this demand, hindering progress toward Kenya's Universal Health Coverage (UHC) targets," said WHX Nairobi and WHX Labs Nairobi.

Despite the government's commitment to Universal Health Care (UHC) through Vision 2030, a recent Sh38.7 billion budget cut to the health sector threatens to undermine essential public health delivery.

The organisation said tackling the crisis will require a shift from a one-size-fits-all approach to strategic workforce planning and greater collaboration between the public and private sectors to boost investment in healthcare employment.



Held in partnership with the Ministry of Health and supported by Africa CDC, the Kenya Healthcare Foundation, and the Kenya Medical Association, the events aim to position Kenya as a regional medical hub.

"By uniting policymakers, healthcare leaders, and innovators, WHX Nairobi and WHX Labs Nairobi are helping accelerate improved patient care and transform the region's health systems," said Tom Coleman, Portfolio Director, Informa Markets.

The shortage and uneven distribution of health workers, particularly in rural areas, have been recognised as major obstacles to quality healthcare and equitable access, and to combat these challenges, the government has invested in health worker training and education.



# Tessie Musalia Commissions Twin Boreholes At GSU, AP Campuses

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In a bid to promote environmental sustainability and advance community-focused policing, the Ushiriki Wema Foundation has commissioned two boreholes at the Embakasi “A” Administration Police Campus and the Embakasi “B” General Service Unit (GSU) Campus.

The project, implemented in partnership with the National Police Service (NPS) and Regner Fu Capital Group (RFCG), marks a significant milestone in the Kuzingatia Mazingira Yetu campaign—an environmental and social responsibility initiative launched in 2023.

The campaign aims to support President William Ruto’s clarion call to plant and nurture 15 billion trees by 2030, while also promoting sustainable development through community-centred interventions, including the provision of clean and sustainable water and ecological stewardship.

The historic event, presided over by Ushiriki Wema Foundation Chairperson Tessie Musalia; spouse of the Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs was hailed as a testament, promoting shared service, national progress, and the dignity of frontline officers.

“Security and community welfare are two sides of the same coin,” she remarked, adding, “This project reminds us that service is mutual, and trust is built through tangible, impactful partnerships.”

The event was attended by Inspector General of Police Mr. Douglas Kanja, alongside Director of Criminal Investigations Mr. Mohamed Amin, among other senior officers, private sector stakeholders, and local community representatives.

Initially launched as a tree-planting drive, the Kuzingatia Mazingira Yetu initiative has grown to include sustainable water infrastructure projects.

The new boreholes in Embakasi follow earlier interventions, including the commissioning of a similar facility at the Kiganjo Police Campus in Nyeri and plans for an additional installation at Utawala School.

Mrs Mudavadi emphasised that access to clean, safe, and sufficient water is a fundamental human right—and a catalyst for dignity, good health, and economic resilience.

“Just as the President has priori-

tised decent housing and healthcare for officers, we recognise that access to water strengthens not only livelihoods but also national cohesion,” she noted.

The newly commissioned boreholes, designed to serve both officers and neighbouring communities, support the broader police reform agenda aimed at improving service conditions for the men and women in uniform. They also complement government efforts to provide dignified living and working environments for officers.

Tessie also extended her appreciation to RFCG for their continued support, highlighting the importance of public-private collaboration in driving meaningful development.

“To RFCG, thank you for believing in this vision. Your commitment demonstrates how much more we can accomplish when we walk this journey together,” she said.

The event culminated with tree-planting activities and community engagements, underscoring the initiative’s holistic approach to environmental stewardship and public trust, as officials emphasised the importance of sustained partnerships between government, civil society, and the private sector.

“We are not just drilling boreholes—we are planting seeds of trust, progress, and environmental consciousness. May these projects inspire continued collaboration that protects our ecosystems, uplifts our officers, and unites our communities.”

On his side, Inspector General of Police Mr. Douglas Kanja stressed the vital role water plays in human survival, economic development, and national security.

“This Constitution clearly states that every person has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities. That right is at the heart of our shared mission today,” he said, noting that the National Police Service has established a specialised Water Police Unit to protect water-related infrastructure under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation.

The unit is tasked with preventing theft and vandalism of water and sanitation assets, especially amid rising cases of resource-based conflicts in parts of the country.

“As a security agency, we recognise the insecurities that arise from the competition over limited water resources. We have witnessed these tensions, and we are prepared to safeguard this critical national asset,” he added.

The IG also emphasised that the



Tessie Musalia launching the projects as senior police officers led by IG Douglas Kanja looks on.

welfare of police officers remains a key priority. He lauded the support provided to NPS training institutions, which he said will enhance their capacity to train officers to the highest standards of competence, professionalism, and respect for human rights—values enshrined in Article 244(d) of the 2010 Constitution of Kenya.

“This aligns with my agenda of transforming police stations into centers of excellence. These projects are timely and provide a major boost to the welfare of our officers and their families,” he stated.

The IG praised the long-standing partnership with the Ushiriki Wema Foundation, which has been instrumental in supporting environmental conservation and infrastructure projects within the NPS.

He assured stakeholders that the NPS is fully committed to sustaining the partnership and ensuring the protection of critical water facilities are properly safeguarded and maintained.

“As a service, we are duty-bound to conserve the environment and its ecosystems. We will continue to protect and conserve water resources

and ensure this project’s sustainability,” he pledged.

IG further commended all officers for their patriotism and commitment to service, calling on instructors at police training colleges to deliver quality training that instils best practices in policing.

“Excellence in policing starts with excellence in training. I count on you to pass on knowledge and values that reflect integrity and fidelity to the Constitution,” he said.



Ushiriki Wema Foundation Chairperson Tessie Musalia (L) and Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja (R) toast with a glass of water moments after commissioning twin boreholes at the Embakasi GSU and AP campuses..

# Why Teacher Self-Care Is A Professional Imperative



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## Worth Noting:

- One of the most overlooked, yet powerful, contributors to a teachers well-being is social support. Colleagues, school leadership, and mental health professionals play a pivotal role in helping educators navigate the pressures of the profession. When these support networks are strong, teachers report a greater sense of resilience, lower burnout rates, and more positive perceptions of their work. It is a reminder that teaching should never be a solitary act, shared challenges are easier to manage when tackled collectively.
- Creating such a culture of support is not incidental, it is intentional. Schools that embed structures like Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), peer mentorship, and teacher wellness initiatives foster environments where mental health is not a taboo topic, but a shared priority.



In today's demanding educational climate, self-care is no longer a luxury. It is a lifeline. For educators, especially in high-stakes learning environments, the ability to manage emotional stress is not just beneficial, it is critical to the long-term success of both teachers and students. The growing pressures of the teaching profession have placed emotional and psychological resilience at the forefront of discussions around teacher effectiveness and for good reason.

At its core, teacher self-care is a multi-dimensional practice. It encompasses the conscious strategies that educators use to preserve their mental health, emotional balance, and professional stamina. Far from being self-indulgent, these practices form the backbone of emotional competence is a trait that significantly enhances classroom dynamics and student engagement. Teachers with high emotional competence are not only more adept at managing personal stress, but they also create calmer, more supportive learning spaces where students can thrive.

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leagues, school leadership, and mental health professionals play a pivotal role in helping educators navigate the pressures of the profession. When these support networks are strong, teachers report a greater sense of resilience, lower burnout rates, and more positive perceptions of their work. It is a reminder that teaching should never be a solitary act, shared challenges are easier to manage when tackled collectively.

Creating such a culture of support is not incidental, it is intentional. Schools that embed structures like Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), peer mentorship, and teacher wellness initiatives foster environments where mental health is not a taboo topic, but a shared priority. For mathematics educators, these platforms provide a space to reflect, vent, learn, and recover. Turning emotional resilience into a communal resource rather than an isolated skill.

To truly embed well-being into the teaching profession, the process must begin long before teachers enter the classroom. Self-care strategies should be a foundational part of teacher training programs. Future educators must be equipped not only

with pedagogical knowledge but also with tools for emotional regulation, work-life balance, and crisis coping. Research consistently supports the notion that when teacher education includes self-care components, future professionals feel more prepared and supported in their roles.

These practices might include mindfulness sessions, stress management workshops, or structured guidance on creating personalized self-care plans. More than just one-off seminars, they should be embedded into the philosophy of teacher training, an acknowledgment that a resilient teacher is a more effective teacher.

Still, no system, or policy can replace the role of personal responsibility in self-care. Individual habits such as taking walks, journaling, pursuing a hobby, or seeking therapy all contribute to emotional stability. Teachers who actively invest in their well-being report higher levels of job satisfaction and are better positioned to support their students emotionally, cognitively, and socially.

Perhaps the most complex challenge for educators is overcoming the guilt associated with self-prioritization. Many feel torn between their person-

al needs and their sense of duty to students. Yet this guilt is misplaced. Prioritizing self-care is not an act of neglect — it's a professional necessity. A well-balanced teacher is more present, more patient, and more powerful in the classroom.

Ultimately, the social and emotional competence of educators depends heavily on their ability and permission to care for themselves. Schools must respond with robust support systems, while teacher training programs must evolve to reflect the realities of modern education. At the same time, educators themselves must embrace self-care as part of their professional identity, not a peripheral afterthought.

When we champion teacher well-being, we are not just supporting educators, we are laying the groundwork for healthier, more responsive and more sustainable learning environments. The ripple effect is clear: empowered teachers, empower students.

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# Kiambu Doctors Vow Weekly Strikes Amidst Deteriorating Conditions

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Doctors in Kiambu County have pledged to continue striking every Wednesday, citing a severe decline in working conditions and a breakdown in negotiations with the county executive. The ongoing industrial action, which has now entered its 60th day, saw doctors take to the streets of Kiambu town in protest.

Dr. Devji Bhimji, National Secretary-General of the Kenya Medical Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU), who led the strike, stated that Kiambu County is at the forefront of a nationwide doctors' strike against what he described as inhumane treatment by county governments.

"As doctors, we will be striking every Wednesday until our demands are addressed. We cannot continue working in conditions that are not favorable. The union will not be intimidated," Dr. Bhimji declared.

Dr. James Githinji, KMPDU Central Branch Chairman, emphasized that the county executive has violated their members' rights. These violations include the non-implementation of collective bargaining



agreements, delayed and denied promotions, unresolved staffing shortages, failure to remit statutory deductions, and ongoing neglect of healthcare welfare.

"The effect of this strike has been nothing but catastrophic. Public health facilities are operating at minimal or less capacity. Patients are being turned away. Vulnerable residents, especially those without the means to seek private care, are suffering in silence," Githinji lamented. He added that the county executive has failed to address the situation with the seriousness it demands, and dialogue has stalled.

The striking doctors presented a petition to the Kiambu County Assembly, which was received by Assembly Clerk John Mutie. They urged the assembly's Health Committee to launch a formal inquiry into the state of healthcare service delivery in the

county.

Their demands to the assembly include, summoning the County Executive Committee Member of Health, Dr. Elias Ngugi, and County Chief Officer of Health, Dr. Patrick Nyaga, along with any other responsible officials, to provide a comprehensive response to the issues raised.

Convening public hearings to gather submissions from affected residents, healthcare professionals, and civil society groups concerned with public health.

Inviting healthcare workers' unions operating within the county and other relevant unions to present their accounts of the situation and proposals for resolutions.

Tabling a report of their findings and recommending immediate remedial measures for adoption by the full assembly.

Compelling the county executive



to take immediate action to resolve the current impasse and restore full functionality to public health services in the county.

Kiambu Senator Karungo wa Thangwa has also weighed in, demanding immediate action to resolve the doctors' strike. He has given Governor Kimani Wamatangi a seven-day ultimatum to decisively address the matter.

"If no action is taken within seven days, I will move a formal motion in the Senate to have Governor Kimani Wamatangi summoned to explain his gross abdication on the matter," Senator Karungo stated.

The Senator expressed solidarity with the healthcare workers, stating they have been "abandoned by their employer and their demands remain unmet." He stressed, "The lives of our people must not be held hostage by bureaucratic indifference or polit-

ical pride."

Senator Thangwa further criticized the county's management of resources, calling it "unconscionable" that public hospitals in a resourceful county like Kiambu remain deserted, patients suffer unattended, and front-line medics are ignored despite their genuine concerns over pay, working conditions, and dignity at work.

"Even more disturbing, this is the same county that has been loudly boasting of record revenue collection, much of it from hospitals, yet remains unwilling to invest those very resources back into the healthcare workers and infrastructure that sustain those collections. This is just irresponsible. It is shameful," Thang'wa concluded.

# Parliamentary Committee Telecommunication Subscribers Regulations

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The Parliamentary Committee on Delegated Legislation has reviewed proposed regulations aimed at safeguarding the interests of Kenyans in the telecommunications sector and promoting accountability among service providers.

The Committee, chaired by Ainabkoi MP Samuel Chepkonga examined the Kenya Information and Communications Regulations (Registration of Telecommunications Service Subscribers) Regulations, 2025 during a session held yesterday.

The Principal Secretary for Broadcasting and Telecommunications, Stephen Isaboke appeared before the Committee on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy, William Kabogo. He was accompanied by the Director General of the Communications Authority of Kenya, David Mugonyi and other senior



The Parliamentary Committee on Delegated Legislation.

officials from the Ministry and the Authority.

Isaboke briefed the lawmakers on the contents and intent of the regulations. He reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to strengthening Kenya's digital ecosystem through robust legal frameworks that prioritize data protection, national security, and service reliability. He also appealed for Parliament's support in implementing the measures.

The proposed regulations introduce strict requirements for the registration of telecommunications service subscribers. Notably, parents or

guardians seeking to register SIM cards on behalf of minors will be required to present original birth certificates of the children and their own identification documents.

"A parent or a guardian who intends to register a SIM card on behalf of a child shall provide the birth certificate of the child and the identification documents of the parent or the guardian," reads the regulations in part.

"The parent or guardian shall be registered as the subscriber of that particular SIM-card until the child attains the age of maturity," the reg-



Ainabkoi MP Samuel Chepkonga

ulations add.

The regulations also place clear responsibilities on telecom operators, requiring them to maintain updated records of their subscribers and registration agents.

"A telecom operator issuing SIM-cards shall keep and maintain an up-to-date record of all SIM-cards sold to registration agents and information on every registered SIM-card to ensure that each registered SIM-card can be traced to the registration agent," the regulations state.

Yesterday's meeting was the second

session between the Ministry and the Committee regarding the regulations. During an earlier meeting, Committee members had proposed several amendments and suggestions, which were taken into consideration.

Chepkonga confirmed that the committee's input had been incorporated into the revised regulations.

"We have reviewed the regulations and are satisfied that they conform to the law and meet the legitimate expectations and concerns of Kenyans," stated Chepkonga.

## Contrasting Voices: Trump And Robinson's Gender Discourses Reveal America's Divided Ideologies



By Saman Zainab and Sidra Khanum  
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Rawalpindi, Pakistan – A recent academic study conducted at Foundation University Rawalpindi Campus has shed new light on the sharp divide in how American political leaders construct and convey gender ideologies. The research, authored by Saman Zainab and Sidra Khanum, analyzes speeches by former U.S. President Donald Trump and Kelley Robinson, the President of the Human Rights Campaign. The study reveals two radically different rhetorical approaches to gender, each reflective of broader ideological divides in American society.

Using Deborah Tannen's gendered communication theory—distinguishing between "report talk" (typically masculine, power-oriented) and "rapport talk" (typically feminine, relationship-oriented)—the researchers performed a detailed discourse analysis of each leader's public address. Their findings highlight how Trump's speech style reinforces traditional, binary gender roles, while Robinson's discourse promotes inclusivity, emotional connection, and recognition of diverse identities.

### Trump: Power, Binaries, and Exclusion

Trump's speech, examined through Tannen's lens, is characterized by dominant, hierarchical language that projects authority and defines rigid gender binaries. Phrases such as "I directed" and "we ordered" underscore his control-oriented rhetoric, while statements like "there are only two genders, male and female" reflect his rejection of non-binary and transgender identities.

The former president also employed vivid, fear-based language—using terms like "tyranny," "poison," and "smashed"—to paint gender inclusivity and progressive policies as existential threats to American values. His narrative portrays the expansion of gender identity as dangerous, often using anecdotes from sports to argue against the inclusion of transgender individuals in women's categories.

### Robinson: Inclusivity, Solidarity, and Hope

Kelley Robinson's address stands in sharp contrast. Emphasizing community, justice, and togetherness, her language is rich with inclusive

pronouns—"we," "our," "us"—and emotionally resonant expressions. Drawing from personal stories and the broader LGBTQ+ struggle, Robinson creates a narrative that invites empathy and collective action. Robinson's use of imagery such as "threw open the doors to Freedom" and "glitter on you" frames the gender discourse in terms of empowerment and resilience. Her message, aligned with Tannen's "rapport talk," centers on human connection, shared history, and the ongoing fight for equality and dignity.

### Two Americas, Two Ideologies

The study suggests that these two leaders not only reflect different political stances but also embody divergent philosophies of leadership and identity. Trump's approach appeals to traditionalists who favor rigid structures and defined roles. Robinson's rhetoric, by contrast, envisions a more fluid, inclusive, and participatory society. "These findings highlight how political rhetoric not only mirrors but actively shapes societal understanding of gender," note Zainab and Khanum. "By analyzing lexical choices and discursive strategies, we can see how language becomes a tool of either reinforcement or resistance in the ongoing cultural debate over gender identity."

### Broader Implications and Future Research

This research contributes significantly to the field of gendered communication and discourse analysis. By focusing on real-world political speeches and applying a clear theoretical framework, it provides a replicable model for future studies on gender and language. With gender rights increasingly at the center of political and cultural battles in the U.S. and beyond, this study offers timely insights into the rhetorical strategies used by public figures—and how those strategies influence public perception and policy. As Zainab and Khanum conclude, "Political rhetoric plays a pivotal role not just in representing ideologies, but in constructing them. Understanding the language of our leaders is key to understanding the society they seek to shape."

## Truth after life..The Harsh Reality



Truth after life is a bitter pill to swallow,  
Harsh reality, that is hard to follow,  
The course is unbearable, a painful sight,  
Uncomfortable truths, that cut like a  
knife that time

Precious memories are reduced to ashes  
Loved ones are turned to liars,  
Some shed genuine tears can't bear,  
while others enjoy  
The weight of grief is hard to share.

Who will possess, the things we hold?  
The valued possessions, that we  
cherished so much

Some pull up While others march ahead,

leaving us behind.

All strive to earn, their own daily bread,  
Leaving the departed in a silence  
Lying in the coffin, eyes closed tight,  
Watching the drama, of life's fleeting  
light.

Soon all will forget this person  
Ready to make flex board and light  
candles in grave  
Life is short From womb to tomb  
So live happily and make others live  
happily

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CREATIVE WRITERS  
GRADUATE TEACHER,  
GOVT HIGH SCHOOL,  
MELPATTAMPAKKAM  
CUDDALORE,  
Tamilnadu India

## When Water Turns Flood



It's the same, which keeps all in mirth  
Water source can force anything to go  
off

It's a form of God but not always in  
trough;  
Tsunami is warning to make us know the  
power  
Draught is also there make us wait for  
shower  
It is Omnipotent , Omnipresent , and  
Almighty  
It's immortal, can mortal things that are  
mighty

SAVAAL SATHIYA

All we see in the nature is beautiful  
We should nurture and love it is grateful  
Really water feeds and helps to breed  
It's the foremost living source indeed  
We are responsible for it flowing or  
flooding  
If we mishandle , it will put us in ducking  
Nothing can stand against , it will  
shatter !  
If it flows with force , that's power of  
water.  
Fire can eat all things on the earth

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# Mudavadi Poised To Lead UDA's Charge In Malava By-Election

*The Prime Cabinet Secretary Has Called For Credible, Visionary Leadership Rooted In Integrity And Unity*

By: OPCS Press Service

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The United Democratic Alliance (UDA) is likely to tap Prime Cabinet Secretary and former ANC Party leader, Musalia Mudavadi, to spearhead its campaign in the upcoming Malava Constituency by-election.

A respected statesman and a steadfast ally of President William Ruto, Mudavadi is expected to rally support across Malava, one of Western Kenya's politically active constituencies, with a message grounded in unity, continuity, and service to the people.

Speaking during a consultative meeting with over 100 clan chairpersons and elders drawn from the 29 Kabras clans, the dominant sub-tribe in Malava, Mudavadi reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring that UDA fields a candidate who embodies the values and aspirations of the people.

"Until you elect a new Member of Parliament, I stand as your Patron in Malava. We must move forward together, build on the strong foundation left by our late brother Hon. Malulu Injendi, and ensure that the development agenda remains on course," he stated.

Mudavadi announced plans to convene broader stakeholder engagements, including youth, women, scholars, farmers, business leaders, and religious groups, affirming his belief that inclusive dialogue is key to building a shared vision for Malava's future.

He challenged the electorate to remain discerning and deliberate as they prepare to choose a new representative.

"Leadership is not about theatrics or short-term promises. Malava deserves a predictable, consistent, and dependable leader, someone who can be trusted to put the interests of the people first," Mudavadi emphasized. Appealing to the region's long-standing political maturity, he urged residents to transcend clanism and resist divisive rhetoric, noting that unity of purpose is essential for development.

"Do not let temporary excitement blind you. If you sell your father's land to buy a trumpet, where will you stand to blow it?" he posed, drawing laughter and applause from the audience.

He acknowledged the cultural

significance of clans, but warned against allowing such affiliations to dictate electoral choices.

"Clans are vital to our heritage and identity, we respect that deeply. But let us not weaponize our traditions during elections or allow them to mislead us into choosing the wrong leaders," he warned.

"Sasa muache kujificha nyuma ya clans kwa sababu hatutaki mchague kiongozi ambaye atapiganisha watu ama hata kanisa na jamii na kuleta sarakasi ama yule wa kuiba raslimali kama pesa ya kuendeleza elimu, CDF na mambo kama hayo," said Mudavadi.

Mudavadi emphasized that regardless of how many candidates emerge, the eventual winner will be a son or daughter of Malava and Kabras. However, he reminded the elders that the people must weigh the candidates' qualities, leadership records, and alignment with the government's development agenda.

"I have walked with you through good times and trials. Now I appeal to you: let us get a UDA candidate the President and I can work with, someone who will champion Malava's development agenda at the national level," urged Mudavadi.

In a passionate plea to the elders, Mudavadi added: "Tell your people the kind of leader they deserve, and I will gladly stand with you in the campaign. Let's not elect those who divide our communities, disrespect places of worship, or embezzle public resources meant for education, infrastructure, or the youth."

He expressed gratitude for the continued support he has received from the people of Malava over the years and urged them to safeguard the future by making sound choices.

"There is no guesswork when it comes to the destiny of Malava. We must plan wisely, not just for ourselves, but for future generations," noted the Prime CS.

The Prime CS further rallied support for President Ruto's transformative agenda, assuring residents that the Head of State remains committed to uplifting Malava and Western Kenya. "We're not here to impose any candidate. Instead, we're inviting you to lead a grassroots dialogue: what kind of leader does Malava truly need?" posed Mudavadi.

He recalled a humbling political lesson he once received from the people of Malava.

"You once told me to always take a



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi during a consultative session with clan elders from Malava Constituency. Photos/ OPCS - Ezekiel Mwanzia..

firm stand, and I listened. Since then, I have walked a path of honesty, integrity, and discipline. I don't make empty promises, and I won't lead you astray. As you have held my hand in the past, I promise to walk with you in this government," said Mudavadi.

At the meeting, clan elders led by their chair Alphose Masinde and Secretary General Harrison Webbo Tanga presented a memorandum to Mudavadi highlighting key pending development projects initiated under the late MP Malulu Injendi.

These include; completion of the Malava-Ikoli and Malava-Samitsi roads, the ongoing Namanja and Sikhuyu water projects, the construction of student hostels at Shamberere National Polytechnic, the Completion of Malava Medical Training College and the operationalization of the Kabras West Sub-County headquarters.

The elders also called for the gazette and staffing of newly created administrative units in East Kabras and Kabras West. These include Chesero and Chivanga Divisions, Nguvuli Location, and sub-locations such as Mukhuyu and Shivagala in East Kabras; as well as Shirugu/Mugai Division, Chevoso and Shikutse Locations, and Indulusia and Bukhakunga Sub-Locations in Kabras West.

In response, Mudavadi assured the elders of swift government action.

"Through my office, I have already written to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport, Hon. Davis Chirchir, to address the roads issue. I am also engaging the Interior Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, to ensure that the new administrative units are activated to bring services closer to the people," he stated.

Yesterday's meeting was the latest in a series of high-level engagements of the week Mudavadi has held with leaders and stakeholders from Malava and the wider Western Kenya region.

Earlier in the week, he met with National Government Administration Officers (NGAOs) from Malava, led by Western Regional Commissioner Irungu Macharia, as well as opinion leaders.

The meeting was attended by UDA National Vice Chairperson Kelvin Lunani, MPs Fred Ikana (Shinyalu), Beatrice Adagala (Vihiga), and other regional leaders.

As UDA positions itself to reclaim the Malava seat, Mudavadi's involvement signals a strategic blend of political experience, grassroots connection, and national ambition, anchored in the promise of delivering real change.



Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi poses for a photo with clan elders from Malava constituency at his Railways offices in Nairobi.

# Xi Calls On China, EU To Provide More Stability, Certainty For World Through Steady, Sound Bilateral Relations

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BEIJING, (Xinhua) -- Chinese President Xi Jinping on Thursday called on China and the European Union (EU) to provide more stability and certainty for the world through steady and sound China-EU relations.

Xi made the remarks when meeting with President of the European Council Antonio Costa and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, who are here for the 25th China-EU Summit in Beijing.

Noting that this year marks the 50th anniversary of China-EU diplomatic ties, and the 80th anniversary of the United Nations, Xi said China-EU relations have come to another critical juncture in history.

He said over the past 50 years, China and the EU have achieved fruitful outcomes in exchanges and cooperation, delivering mutual success and worldwide benefits. An important understanding and insight is that the two sides should respect each other, seek commonality while reserving differences, uphold openness and cooperation, and pursue mutual benefit.

These are also important principles and the right direction for China-EU relations in the future, Xi said. Faced with accelerating global transformation not seen in a century and a changing and turbulent world, Chinese and EU leaders should once again demonstrate vision and leadership, and make the right strategic choices that will meet people's expectations and stand the scrutiny of history, he added.

Xi underscored the importance for China and the EU, both constructive forces for multilateralism and openness and cooperation, to strengthen communication, enhance trust and deepen cooperation in a more challenging and complex international situation, in order to provide more stability and certainty for the world through steady and sound China-EU relations.

Xi put forward three propositions for the future development of China-EU relations.

Firstly, both sides should uphold mutual respect and consolidate the positioning of China-EU relations as partnership.

China is a peace-loving country committed to harmony, inclusiveness, cooperation and win-win results, Xi said. While China and the EU differ in history and culture, development paths and systems,

and stages of development, such differences have never impeded the establishment of diplomatic relations or the growth of bilateral ties in the past, nor should they obstruct the development of bilateral relations in the future.

The current challenges facing the EU do not come from China, and there are no fundamental conflicts of interest or geopolitical contradictions between China and the EU, Xi said. The fundamentals and prevailing trend of China-EU relations featuring cooperation over competition and consensus over differences have remained constant.

China has always viewed and developed China-EU relations from a strategic and long-term perspective, regarded the EU as an important pole in a multipolar world, and consistently supported European integration and the strategic autonomy of the EU, he said.

Xi voiced hope that the EU will respect the path and system chosen by the Chinese people, respect China's core interests and major concerns, and support its development and prosperity.

China-EU relations are not targeted at, subjugated to, or controlled by any third party, Xi said. He called on both sides to deepen strategic communication, enhance understanding and mutual trust, and foster a correct perception of each other.

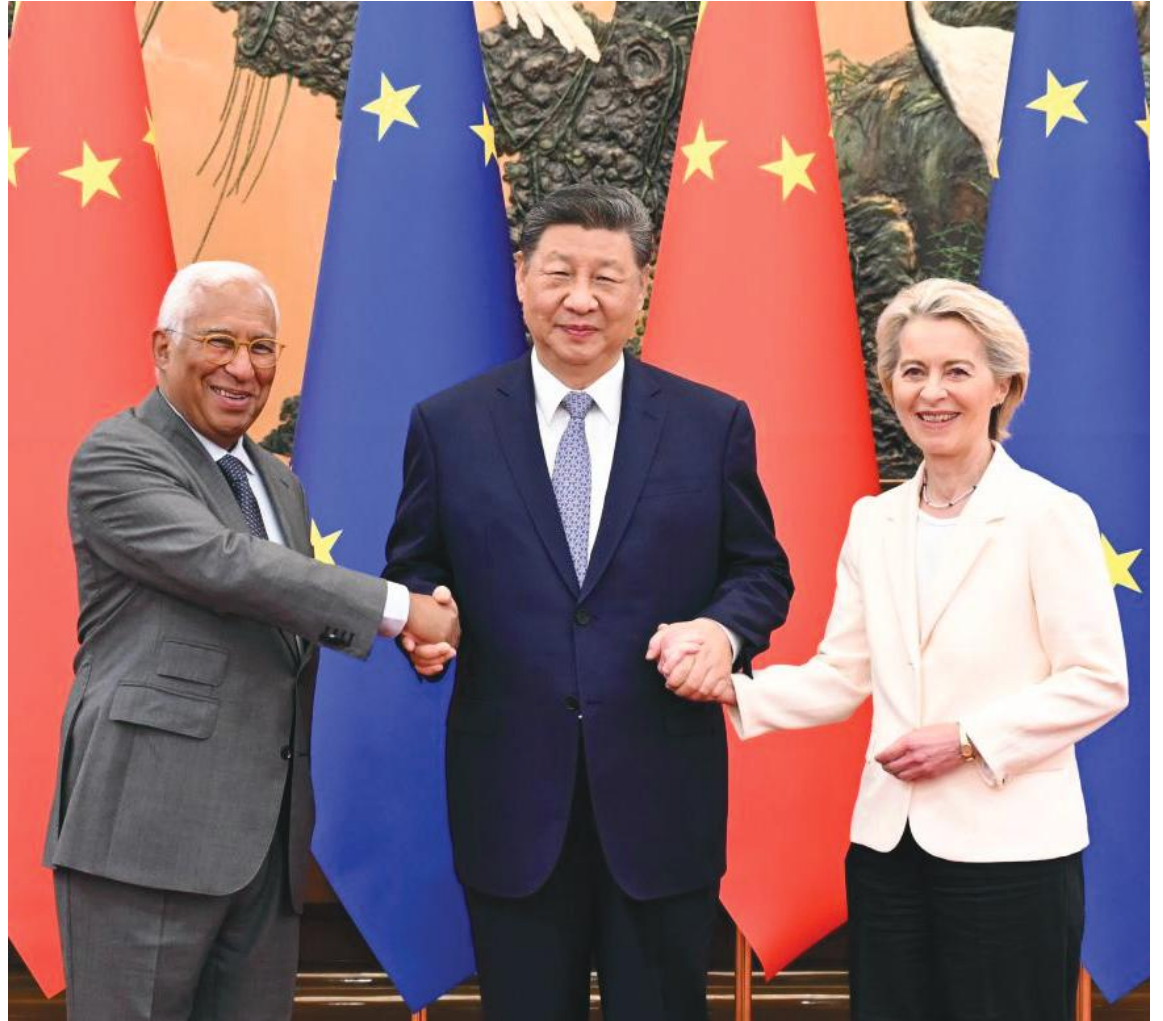
Secondly, the two sides should uphold openness and cooperation, and properly manage differences and frictions, Xi said.

History and reality show that interdependency is not a risk, and convergent interests are not a threat, Xi noted, pointing out that boosting competitiveness should not rely on building walls or barriers, as decoupling and severing supply chains will only result in self-isolation.

Xi said that "reducing dependency" should not lead to reducing China-EU cooperation. The bilateral economic and trade relationship, which is by nature complementary and mutually beneficial, can indeed achieve dynamic equilibrium through development, he said.

China's high-quality development and opening-up will provide new opportunities and potentials for China-EU cooperation, Xi noted, calling on both sides to strengthen green and digital partnership, and boost mutual investment and cooperation.

It is hoped that the EU can remain open in trade and investment market, refrain from using restrictive economic and trade tools, and foster a sound business environment for Chi-



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with President of the European Council Antonio Costa and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, who are in China for the 25th China-EU Summit, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, July 24, 2025. (Xinhua/Xie Huanchi).

nese enterprises investing and operating in the EU, Xi stressed.

Thirdly, Xi called on the two sides to practice multilateralism and uphold the international rules and order.

Confronted with the critical choice between war and peace, competition and cooperation, or seclusion and openness, multilateralism and solidarity-based cooperation remain the only viable approach, he said.

Xi said China and the EU should jointly uphold the international rules and order established after World War II, advance a more just and equitable global governance system in keeping with the times, and work together to address global challenges such as climate change.

Xi said China stands ready to strengthen coordination with the EU to ensure the success of this year's UN Climate Change Conference in Belem (COP30), and contribute more to global climate response and green transition. China is also willing to have policy exchanges and practical cooperation with the EU in artificial intelligence, and jointly advance an equal and orderly multipolar world and a universally beneficial and in-

clusive economic globalization.

The EU side said that Xi's three propositions on EU-China relations are of vital importance. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations 50 years ago, the EU and China have carried out cooperation in a wide range of fields, becoming each other's major cooperative and trading partners. This has contributed to the economic prosperity of both parties and the well-being of their peoples.

The EU leaders noted that China has emerged as a major manufacturing and technological country, lifting hundreds of millions out of poverty. China's development has offered profound inspirations to the world, and the EU believes that China will achieve greater development and supports such efforts.

The EU and China are major forces in the world, and EU-China relations are of vital importance for both sides and the world, they said. The EU is committed to deepening EU-China relations, managing differences in a constructive manner, and achieving more positive outcomes in bilateral cooperation that is balanced, reciprocal and mutually beneficial.

The EU does not seek "decoupling and severing supply chains" from China and welcomes Chinese enterprises to invest and operate in Europe, they said.

They called on the two sides, faced with a turbulent and uncertain world, to uphold multilateralism, safeguard the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, address global challenges such as climate change, facilitate resolutions to regional hotspot issues, and safeguard world peace and stability.

The EU side looks forward to working with China to write an even more splendid chapter in the next 50 years of EU-China relations, they said

# Parliamentary Committee On Transport Seeks Public Input On Motorcycle Regulation Bill Amid Concerns From Industry Players

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The National Assembly’s Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, chaired by Ndia MP, George Kariuki, has commenced stakeholder engagement and public hearings on the proposed Public Transport (Motorcycle Regulation) Bill, 2023.

The Bill seeks to regulate the Boda Boda sector with the aim of improving safety, accountability, and streamlining operations.

However, the legislative proposal has drawn criticism from major industry groups, including the Boda Boda Safety Association of Kenya (BAK) and the Digital Boda Drivers and Deliveries Association.

While appearing before the Committee, the associations submitted their memorandum describing the Bill as fundamentally flawed, overly bureaucratic, and financially unsustainable.

They argued that the Bill duplicates existing mandates of the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), overlooks the constitutional roles of county governments, and risks politicizing the sector by handing regulatory powers to county-controlled boards.

Key concerns raised yesterday included the establishment of 47 new



Committee chairman George Kariuki

county-level Motorcycle Transport and Safety Boards, mandatory SACCO membership, and clauses like “prescribed colour” and “approved devices,” which the associations say could fuel corruption and monopolies.

“The Bill is a solution in search of a problem,” the associations stated, warning that its enactment could lead to increased costs, regulatory confusion, and economic harm to riders.

While supporting the need for regulation, committee members urged the associations to propose amendments rather than reject the Bill outright.

“You have an opportunity to shape laws that work for you,” said Ko-

mingoi Kibet. “Don’t just reject; recommend.”

Laikipia East MP Mwangi Kiunjuri acknowledged the associations’ concerns, advocating for strengthening existing institutions like the NTSA rather than creating parallel systems.

Security concerns were also raised, with MPs Abdi Saney and Hussein Weytan citing the growing use of motorcycles in criminal activities, including drug trafficking and attacks on the members of the public.

On their part, security officers who were represented by Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja proposed a multi-sectoral coordination committee involving the NTSA, police, Council of Governors, and rider



Laikipia East MP Mwangi Kiunjuri, a member of the committee making his contribution yesterday.



Inspector General of Police Douglas Kanja

associations for joint planning and enforcement.

receive input from stakeholders nationwide as it refines the Bill.

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# Kenya To Further Deepen Relations With Egypt - Mudavadi

## *The Prime Cabinet Secretary Says Trade, Investment And Tourism Are Some Of The New Frontiers For Future Collaboration*

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- Mudavadi was speaking when he graced the national day celebrations of the Arab Republic of Egypt at the residence of the Egyptian Ambassador to Kenya in Nairobi, a celebration that marked the 105th anniversary of Egypt’s independence.

Kenya and Egypt are working to increase their trade and investment partnership, as evidenced by recent high-level discussions and agreements.

These efforts aim to strengthen bilateral relations, boost trade volumes, and foster economic growth in both nations, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has said.

“Trade between Kenya and Egypt has been on an upward trajectory, with the total trade volume estimated at between 600 million and 700 million US Dollars in 2025. Notably, Egypt is Kenya’s second largest tea market in the world.” he added.

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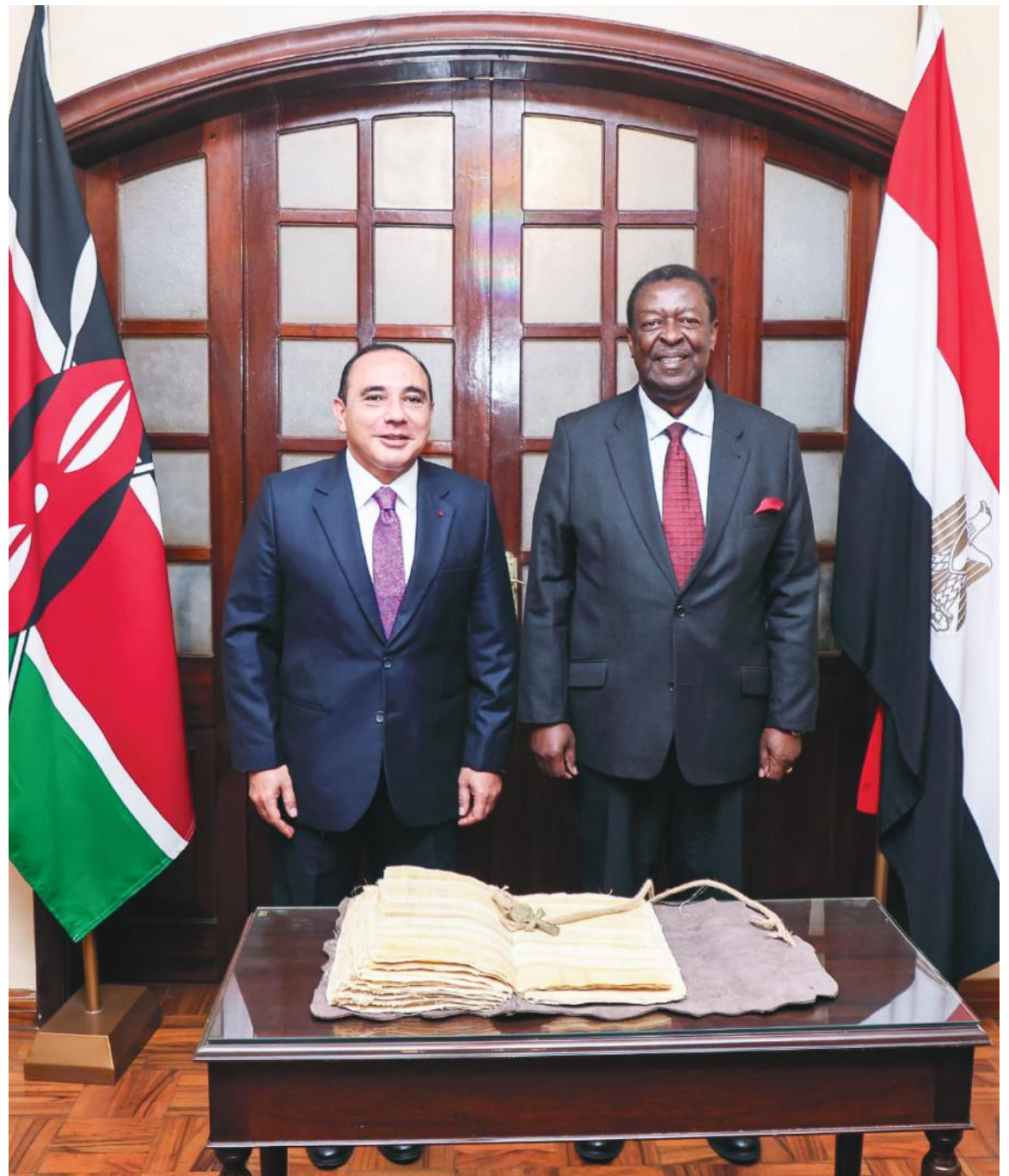
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While congratulating President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and the People of the Arab Republic of Egypt on behalf of President William Ruto, Mudavadi said Egypt’s triumph over colonialism serves as a powerful reminder that the struggle for freedom, though difficult, is necessary and achievable.

He noted that the 62 years of flourishing diplomatic relations between Kenya and Egypt have continuously enriched the citizen-to-citizen relations while cementing the cordial and longstanding partnerships between the two nations.

“Our mission in Cairo is Kenya’s second diplomatic post to be established abroad. This milestone reflects the depth of our historical, cultural, and economic bonds, as well as our shared commitment to cooperation and mutual prosperity.” he said.

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*Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi (Right) with outgoing Egyptian Ambassador to Kenya, Wael Nasreldin Attiya (Left) during the National Day Celebrations for the Arab Republic of Egypt in Nairobi.*

businesses, while Egypt hosts a vibrant Kenyan diaspora community, comprising professionals, students, businesspeople and skilled workers” added Mudavadi.

“Our imports from Kenya amounts to almost 14% of the total exports of Kenyan tea. On the Investment side a number of new Egyptian investments are flocking Kenya. With 76 Egyptian companies now registered with Kenya Invest.” said Attiya, the Egyptian Ambassador to Kenya.

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Authority and Kenya Ports Authority. Youth Empowerment, Higher Education and Scientific Research, Telecommunication and IT, Space Cooperation, Governance and Sustainable Development, and Housing, Construction and Urban Development are the other agreements aimed at unlocking immense opportunities for the two nations and their citizens.

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as Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) reflect our commitment to advancing economic integration and boosting intra-African trade in alignment with the African Union's Agenda 2063." said Mudavadi.

"The Commercial International Bank, CIB is Egypt's largest private bank and it now operates seven branches in Kenya under its own branch name CIB-Kenya, reflecting the political will to intensify and further deepen economic and commercial ties with Kenya and the commitment to support Kenya's development plans." noted Attiya.

In his remarks, Mudavadi also acknowledged that Kenya and Egypt remain steadfast in supporting multilateral efforts to promote peace and stability in conflict-affected regions such as Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Libya, and the Sahel.

He said this is achievable through active participation in the African Union led missions, and in close collaboration with the United Nations in championing for African-led solutions to African challenges.

The celebrations were also used to bid farewell to Amb. Wael Nasreldin Attiya, the outgoing Egyptian Ambassador to Kenya who is concluding his tour of duty.

Mudavadi conveyed his sincere appreciation to the outgoing Ambassador lauding him as a friend to Kenya whom during his tenure he played a pivotal role in deepening the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Kenya and Egypt.

"Under Ambassador Attiya's stewardship, we witnessed the successful State Visit of His Excellency President William Ruto to Egypt in January 2025. He also oversaw the convening of the 7th Session of the Joint Commission for Cooperation (JCC) in Nairobi in March 2024." Mudavadi remarked.

He said Amb. Attiya distinguished himself as a dedicated champion of economic diplomacy and further under his leadership, business engagements between Kenya and Egypt grew significantly, as exemplified by the successful Kenya-Egypt Business Forum held alongside the Joint Commission for Cooperation in March 2024.



Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia Mudavadi (Left) with outgoing Egyptian Ambassador to Kenya, Wael Nasreldin Attiya (Right) during the National Day Celebrations for the Arab Republic of Egypt in Nairobi.



# KAMBAR HAYDAR

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Kambar Haydar was born in 1953 in the Yangikurgan district of Namangan region, Uzbekistan. After graduating from secondary school in 1971, he worked as a shipping agent at the Namangan “Silk and Velvet Fabrics” and Tashkent Textile Combine until 1986. He later completed his degree at the Faculty of Philology of the Tashkent State Pedagogical Institute.

While teaching Uzbek language and literature at Schools No. 26 and 14 in Tashkent, he also actively contributed to prominent republican newspapers and magazines with timely and thoughtful articles.

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Qambar Haydar is the author of numerous prose and poetry collections, including:

“Paths Leading to the Great Road” (co-author)

“Living Figures”

“You Are the Flower of My Spring”

“Streams of the Mighty River” (a tazkira)

“Expression or Waves of the Soul”

“Forgive Me, My Daughter...”

“A String of Pearls”

“Recognition, Respect, and Honor”

His poems and short stories have been published in various district, regional, and national newspapers, as well as in literary collections and anthologies such as “Tamaddun”, “The Literary Garden of Namangan in the 21st Century”, “Mashrab’s Cradle”, and “Springs of Kindness.”

Currently, he is engaged in independent creative work and continues to write with passion and depth.

In recognition of his contributions to Uzbek literature and journalism, Qambar Haydar has been awarded several honors, including the “10 Years of Independence”, “30 Years of Independence”, and “Amir Temur” medals.



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## THE YEARS PASS SWIFTLY

The years rush on, chasing one another,  
Some are departing, while some are born anew.  
Along the treacherous paths of this fleeting world,  
Some march proud, some bend under the blue.

The years fly past, page after page,  
Life’s calendar falls like scattered leaves.  
I’ve never bowed to wealth or gold,  
I live in this land, with what fate weaves.

The years pass by, swift and unkind,  
I cannot count the white in my hair.  
Sometimes with sorrow, sometimes with joy,  
I carry the lessons that time made me bear.

Years pass in endless pursuit,  
Yet hunger still shadows my modest home.

Even if only dry bread feeds my day,  
I kept my honor—never did I roam.

The years race ahead, tangled and tough,  
O life, your puzzles remain deep and wide.  
Oh Lord, please keep me from the enemy’s path,  
Let only Your grace be my guide!

## I MISS YOU, MOTHER

Sleepless nights, my eyes won’t close,  
My thoughts, like stars, scatter and shine.

My heart, parched, can’t return to itself—  
The pages of memory unwind.  
Mother, I miss you so deeply.

Your embrace was vast as the sky,  
O Mother,  
Your words held the weight of prayer.  
Your kindness rivaled Hatam’s

tales,  
That’s why our lives turned fair.  
Mother, I miss you so deeply.

Your stature once shaped like graceful letters,  
Your words, sweet as honey to the ear.  
Now I cannot find you, dearest soul,  
Your life—just a dream we hold near.  
Mother, I miss you so deeply.

Your hands forever raised in prayer,  
You guided us along truth’s light.  
You lived your life just for your children—  
Then vanished, vanishing out of sight.  
Mother, I miss you so deeply.

Even through the darkest night,  
I dream of you as morning breaks.  
You will live in my heart till the end of time,  
Though my soul still aches.  
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# Role Of Media, Think Tanks Within SCO Is Of Strategic Importance, Says Expert

*Kanatbek Aziz, director of the Research Institute of Geopolitics and Strategy of Kyrgyzstan, believes that the Zhengzhou summit may lay the groundwork for a new model of institutional interaction.*

By: Xinhua, Editor: huaxia



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- “Their responsibility is institutional: not only to support political messaging, but also to substantiate it with well-reasoned analysis rooted in civilizational codes, regional specificities and the principles of justice, sovereignty, balance of interests and collective security,” the expert said.
- In today’s fragmented information landscape, their task is not only to inform, but to generate trust, defend the SCO’s narrative space from external distortion, and facilitate the emergence of a new model of multilateralism, he said.
- “The synergy between media and think tanks can provide the intellectual foundation for multipolar solidarity and transform the expert-informational dimension into a strategic pillar of the SCO’s regional and global role,” he said.



aerial drone photo taken on July 19, 2025 shows the Central Business District (CBD) in Zhengdong New District of Zhengzhou, central China’s Henan Province. (Xinhua/Li Jianan).

BISHKEK, (Xinhua) -- The media and think tanks play a strategic role within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Kanatbek Aziz, director of the Research Institute of Geopolitics and Strategy of Kyrgyzstan, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

“In a time of intensifying geopolitical turbulence ... the role and responsibility of media and think tanks within the SCO framework takes on strategic dimensions -- transcending information support,” Aziz said.

He said that media and think tanks within the SCO framework perform a dual function. First, they serve as relays -- broadcasting the Shanghai Spirit to national and international audiences and forming a coherent image of the SCO as a responsible global actor. Second, they serve as conceptual engines by generating new meanings, setting strategic di-

rections, and providing intellectual guidance for integration processes.

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Aziz will participate in the SCO Media and Think Tank Summit, which is held in the Chinese city of Zhengzhou, Henan province from July 23 to 27.

He said the summit should be viewed not merely as a platform for exchanging opinions, but as a potential starting point for building a new systemic architecture of cooperation between the media and analytical communities of SCO member states.

Amid the growing fragmentation of the global information landscape and intensifying competition over narratives, “the creation of a common intellectual and media space within the SCO is a strategic imperative,” the expert said.

The expert believes that the summit may lay the groundwork for a new model of institutional interaction -- aimed at consolidating a unified dis-

course, coordinating strategic narratives, and integrating informational, educational and analytical tools.

“These elements -- convergence, trust, multilateralism and civilizational connectivity -- form the institutional basis of the SCO as a subject of the emerging global configuration,” Aziz said. ■

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## SG William Kinuthia Tips Rafting Sport To Make A Splash In Kenya



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Speaking during the final day of the four-day event on Sunday, Kenya Rafting Federation Secretary General William Kinuthia predicted the game was poised for growth, admitting there is immense potential ready to be tapped in the country.

"We all saw how Kenyans are talented in rafting. As a federation, we have undertaken to popularise the sport. We are planning to partner with schools so as to introduce rafting in schools. The discussion will also involve how we can include the sport in inter-schools championships," said

Kinuthia.

The official also revealed there was a push by the International Rafting Federation (IRF) to have white water rafting sport join kayak and canoe races already on the Olympic lineup, potentially as soon as the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

The four-day event that attracted 11 countries, Kenya emerged as the undisputed champion in the inaugural championship after sweeping all gold medals on offer to send a huge statement of intent ahead of the future events.

In a stellar show of great skills and sportsmanship, Kenya bossed their opponents in the waters, securing top positions in the Slalom races for both men and women, the Downriver competition in both categories, the Rx event, and the Mixed Slalom that featured both male and female athletes.

Speaking during the awarding ceremony, Sports Principal Secretary Elijah Mwangi lauded the recently established Rafting Federation of Kenya for successfully organizing the international competition.

"The government is committed to supporting all sports federations to organize such events, which are key to nurturing Kenyan talent. This rafting win again reaffirms our solid belief that Kenya is a sporting powerhouse not just in athletics but also in disciplines."

He further urged the federations to also seek support from the private sector to strengthen and grow the sport even further.

African Rafting Federation President, Belabbas El Mamou, expressed satisfaction with Kenya's hosting of the event, revealing that plans are already underway to bring the World Rafting

Championships to Kenya next year, citing the country's superior natural rafting course compared to other nations.

As continental champions, Kenya is now poised to represent Africa at the World Championships in Argentina, November this year.

The championship has set the stage for more regional and global events to be hosted in the country, with Kenya firmly anchoring itself as a continental powerhouse in the sport.

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**Sports >>>** \*Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya has hinted at a looming overhaul in the country's football league system, signalling potential structural changes that could transform talent development and club sponsorship across the country.

# CS Mvurya Hints At New League Structure To Boost Football Talent Acquisition



Sports CS Salim Mvurya speaking when he visited Junior Starlets at their Kasarani residential camp on Thursday March 27, 2025. Photo | Courtesy.

Sports Cabinet Secretary Salim Mvurya has hinted at a looming overhaul in the country's football league system, signalling potential structural changes that could transform talent development and club sponsorship across the country.

Speaking on Citizen TV's Sema na Citizen yesterday, Mvurya emphasized the need for close cooperation with the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) to introduce a more effective league format.

He says the proposed structure aims to support local talent growth, increase competitiveness, and attract more commercial sponsorships to both top-flight and lower-tier clubs.

"We have agreed with FKF that we need a new league format

which will identify talent and build club sponsorships," Mvurya stated.

"We are consulting closely with FKF, but with the current focus being CHAN 2024, we are still committed to developing our football from grass roots level."

His comments come just weeks after the FKF Leagues and Competitions Committee revealed plans to restructure the football system, proposing a five-tier model.

Under the new system, the Kenyan Premier League (KPL) would host 16 teams down from the current 18, while the National Super League (NSL) would be zoned. Regional and county leagues would also be established to create a clear, competitive pathway

for emerging talent. FKF said the proposal is awaiting public participation before implementation.

Mvurya welcomed the federation's direction and noted that strengthening FKF's grassroots branches is key to making the plan work.

He stressed the importance of good administrative structures and said the government will provide not just financial support, but also technical assistance to ensure well-organized, competitive matches at all levels.

"Our FKF branches ought to be strengthened with good administrative structures for them to organize highly competitive matches and as a government we will not only give them financial support but also technical support," he

said.

The CS also appreciated the private sector commitment to its continued support in sports and encouraged more entities to come on board.

"We need more private sector entities to come on board and they should know that there are tax relief benefits for those who invest in sports," he added.

As the countdown to CHAN 2024 continues, these reforms may soon shape a new era for Kenyan football, promising better systems, stronger clubs, and more opportunities for local players.

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# The Journey Of Princess Lea Elfara A Multi-Talented Entrepreneur Inspiring And Artist



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## Worth Noting:

- Lea's journey began at a young age, showcasing her talents in the entertainment world as a model and singer. She started modeling and singing in the second grade, starring in local product advertisements. As she grew older, Lea's passion for the arts only deepened, leading her to become an international model featured in campaigns for top brands.
- However, Lea's true calling lies in entrepreneurship. She demonstrated keen business acumen from a young age, starting her first business selling and renting storybooks in elementary school. Today, Lea has expanded her business ventures into various industries, including fashion, beauty, culinary, property, finance, coal mining, music and film production, and even the defense industry.

Princess Lea Elfara is a shining example of living life with purpose and passion. As a member of the royal family of Cirebon, West Java, Indonesia, Lea has Indonesian, Arab, and Chinese heritage flowing through her veins. Her royal upbringing instilled in her a sense of responsibility and compassion, driving her to make a positive impact in various fields.

### Early Beginnings

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### Artistic Pursuits

Lea's music career is equally impressive. She has released three albums as a music producer and collaborated with renowned artists, including Opick Tomboati, Mustafa DEBU, Shakurah Yaseerah, and Tony Taylor. Her work with Maher Zain, a Swedish artist, at his concert in Jakarta, showcases her talent and versatility. Lea has also ventured into film production, producing the documentary "33 Faces of Indonesia" in collaboration with international director Alexander Valetou.

### Awards and Recognition

Throughout her life, Lea has received numerous awards and recognition for her achievements. Recently, she received the prestigious international award from the MULTI FACE FRANCE International Celebrity Awards in Paris, France, on June 18, 2025. Previously, she received an award from the LAPIS Awards 2025 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and was appointed as an International Adviser in the organization.



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### Inspiring Legacy

Princess Lea Elfara's journey is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and passion. As a multi-talented entrepreneur and artist, she continues to inspire and make a positive impact on the world. With her royal heritage, business acumen, and artistic talent, Lea is truly a force to be reckoned with. Her legacy will undoubtedly inspire generations to come.

### Key Achievements:

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- World Meet Council Organization: Received an international award in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2024

- Asia's Golden Icon Awards: Received an award in the Philippines as Asia's Distinguished Humanitarian Advocate in 2024

With her many talents and accomplishments, Lea has proven herself to be a true leader and innovator. Her commitment to her craft and her passion for life are an inspiration to all who know her. As she looks to the future, Lea remains focused on her goals, driven by her desire to make a positive impact on the world.